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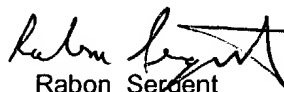
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The reply filed on March 5, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's response has failed to address the issues set forth within paragraphs 6 and 8 of the Office action of December 5, 2002. Specifically, with respect to paragraph 8, applicant's response is insufficient to establish that antecedence exists for all claim limitations. For example and as set forth within the Office action, antecedence has not been found for all fiber species of claim 47. With respect to the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejection set forth within paragraph 6 of the Office action, applicant has failed to explain how the claim amendments address the issue that enablement has only been provided for the preforms being derived from at least one starting component that is at least trifunctional with respect to isocyanate or hydroxyl groups. Firstly, it is not clear how the language, "to an extent allowing for crosslinking of the starting components by a polyaddition reaction", addresses the issue, because it is unclear if or to what extent the language relates to the isocyanate or hydroxyl trifunctional requirement. Secondly, the word, "polyfunctional", is undefined and is met by "difunctional"; therefore, it is also unclear how this amendment is to address the issues of the rejection. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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